Public Notice

Mississippi Environmental Quality Permit Board

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MDOT, Leake County Maintenance Headquarters, located at 1581 Highway 16 West, in Carthage, MS, (601) 267-9180, has applied to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality for reissuance of NPDES Ref. No. MS0062103. This facility is the maintenance headquarters of the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Leake County. MDOT is responsible for maintaining the state's roadways and bridges. This facility consists of office buildings along with parking areas for MDOT vehicles. This permit covers a wash rack used to clean the vehicles. The treated wastewater is discharged into an on-site ditch thence into an unnamed tributary of Pellaphalia Creek. The receiving waters are located within the Pearl River Basin and are designated as Fish and Wildlife. The applicant's operations fall within SIC Code 7542.

A Statement of Basis has been prepared that contains a discussion of the decision-making that went into the development of the permit and provides the permitting authority, the public, and other government bodies a record of the technical issues surrounding issuance of the permit. The Statement of Basis also addresses any changes to emissions and/or discharges resulting from any modification of the facility.

The staff of the Permit Board has developed this draft permit based on information submitted to the Permit Board by the applicant, appropriate State and Federal agencies and other interested parties. The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed activity, including public comment, to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the draft permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Becky Williams at the Permit Board's address shown above, no later than the end of the thirty (30) day public notice. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application(s). A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit(s). Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Becky Williams or the Chief of the Environmental Permits Division at the address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

Additional details about the application(s), including a copy of the draft permit(s), are available by writing or calling Lorenzo Boddie at the above Permit Board address and telephone number. Additionally, as a courtesy, for those with Internet access, a copy of the draft permit(s) may be found on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality’s website at: <http://opc.deq.state.ms.us/publicnotice.aspx> . This information is also available for review at the following location(s) during normal business hours:

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

# Office of Pollution Control

515 E. Amite St

Jackson, MS 39201

Carthage Leake County Library

114 East Franklin Street

Carthage, MS 39051

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.